POSTAL CARDS

tle West Virginia Town

TURNED OUT BY THE MILLIONS.

Spruce Wood Used for the Pulp Cut from the Adjacent Forests-Biggest Single Shipments 24,000,000 Cards-Resembles a Bec Hive in Industry-How They Are Manu-

Where do all the millions of postal cards used annually by citizens of the United States come from? Where are they made and printed? The average man would answer these questions off hand, "Why, Washington City, or course." But the average man would "Why, Washington City, of be wrong, for the modest plant that turns out millions of postal cards every munth for Uncle Sam is located in a little West Virginia mountain town high up in the Appalachian range, not far from the border line of Maryland, ys J. Forsyth Harrison, of Piedmont, Va. in the Cincinnati Commercial-Tribune.

The town is Piedmont, Mineral county, West Virginia; and here the busy factory is at work six days in the week making the little oblong sheets of cardboard on which so many messages of all sorts and kinds are written by all conditions of people. Here the cardboard is made from the fresh, sweet, spruce trees; here it is cut into the requisite sizes, and here the cards are printed, packed and shipped, eventually, finding their way into ever state, city, town and hamlet in the country, and to Cuba, Porto Rico, Hawali and Philippine Islands.

Pledmont, as the name indicates, is the "foot of the mountains." and the range is the well-known Appalach-It is also the commencement of the famous seventeen-mile, grade on the main line of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad to Altamont, in Garret county, Maryland. The levation of Pladmont

. The Thriving Town.

The population of the town and the surrounding country within a radius of six miles aggregates 7,000 people. Like all of the citizens of our glorious Union, everyone here is enjoying this era of prosperity. Everything appertaining to the town resembles a bee-hive in industry. It is blaw-abiding community, too, for every citizen is apparently on friendly terms with his neighbor, and, even during the excite-ment attending a political campaign, there are no quarrels of criminations, and recriminations. Every voter easts his ballot according to his own politi-cal views, and in accordance with the dictates of his own conscience-and it is generally correct, for the party protection and prosperity carries this county by over 300 majority.

The paper out of which the postal

cards are manufactured is all made by the West Virginia Pulp and Paper sompany at the large sulphite pulp Joining the postal works. This is the largest pulp and paper mill in the United States, and has branch plants at Davis, W. Va.; Covington, Va., and Tyrone, Pa. The plants are not in he paper trust.

The United States postal card works

were located at Piedmont on December 1, 1897, having been transferred from Castleton, N. Y. Hon. Albert Daggett, of Brooklyn, N. Y., has the contract for the term of four years to manufacture all the various kinds of postal cards required by the govern-Mr. Daggett held the contract under the administration of President Harrison, but lost it on the advent of the administration of President Cleveland. Piedmont is a picturesque mountain town, and any one who has been in the Grand Canyon of the Colorado would say that this town is in a box canyon, as they are called in the west.

The postal works proper are situated at Luke, a suburb of Picdmont, on the banks of the north branch of the Potomac river. The works are between the West Virginia Central and Pittsburg rallway on the northand the Baltimore & Ohlo railway on the south, but the tracks of both companies run into the yard of the postal works to facilitate the loading of full carlots for shipment. The distance by railroad from Pied-mont to Cincinnati is 373 miles: to

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The Postal Card Works. The postal card wolrks are located In a two-story fire-proof brick building, with a cement roof, and in which are patent automatic fire sprinklers, with an abundant supply of water at all times for five protection. The building is not large-100 by 60 feet.

The power to run the machinery is furnished by the plant of the paper company, whose large plant adjoins that of the postal works. The building is lighted by electricity, and in winter is heated by steam. Neither matches nor smoking pipes nor cigars are allowed on the premises. The front door of the works is always under lock and key. During the summer months large lattice doors are used, with lock and key during the day. A time registering clock is used at night, which the watchmen have to touch at regular intervals in their rounds.

Major E. H. Shook, the United States agent and inspector, takes the greatest care and precaution to guard against theft, fire and visitors interfering with either the cards after or during the process of manufacture and with the employes while at work.

The first floor of the building is used for a pressroom, casing room and a dry room for the printed postal cards. There are two presses in this room and each press has a capacity of 1,200 impressions an hour.

The size of the sheets of paper used on these presses is 50 by 30 inches, and each sheet contains ninety postal cards ready to be cut and packed when it comes from the press. The dies used on these presses are furnished by the government. Four men work at the presses. The men all work eight hours a day. One man is used in the casing part of this room to put together the knocked down pine boxes in which the cards are packed for shipment. boxes are made of pine grown in West Virginia and are shipped "knocked down" to the contractor. The boxes vary in sizes, holding 5,065, 25,000 and 100,000 cards respectively.

The contractor has to pay the government for the use of the dies and also give bond for the care and custody of these plates. The size of the "H" card (the card in general use by the public) is 5% by 5% inches; the "D" or double reply postal card is 51/2 by 61/4 inches; the "K" or "ladies card," smallest postal card manufactured, is 25-16 by 415-16 inches; the international "F" or double card, is 51/2 by 61/4 inches and sells to consumers at cents each, and the "E" international card is 3½ by 5½ inches, and is sold at 2 cents each. The "H" cards weigh six pounds and three ounces per 1,000 cards, and the "F" or return postal cards weigh twelve pounds and six ounces per 1,000 cards.

Everything appertaining to the postal works is under the direction and charge of Hon, Edwin C. Madden ,third assistant postmaster general at Washington.

The Cutting Machines.

On the second floor of the works are located three cutting machines and one "slitter." The cutters are operated by young lady experts and the "slitter" by male experts. The "slitter" first cuts into single strips the sheets of ninety postal cards as received from the presses on the first floor, and then into strips of ten postal cards. Afterwards these strips of ten cards each are taken to the cutting machines, which are in close proximity of the "slitter," and are there cut into single postal cards. cards are twice automatically counted into packages of twenty-five cards each as they come from the machine. At the cutting machines the cards are received by a young lady, who places a paper band around the packages of twenty five, and these packages are put into pastboard boxes, 500 cards to the box. One young lady is engaged in putting "nock-down" pasteboard boxes, and in one day of eight hours this employe will put together more than 4,000 boxes, ready to receive the packages of cards. These boxes are

made by a box factory in Connecticut. There is a fire-proof vault on this floor which has a capacity for holding in reserve more than 40,000,000 postal cards. The daily capacity of the cutting machines, running for the period of eight hours is 800,000 postal cards per machine, or 2,400,000 postal cards for the three machines a day. But the present daily average is a fraction over 2,000,000 cards. The official report of the third assistant postmaster general states that there was issued during the year ending June 30, 1897, postal cards as foi-

......523,518,250

The Largest Shipment.

The largest shipment over made from the Piedmont works was on June 15 1900, when it reached the large number of 24,000,000.

The cards were shipped to various large city postoffices and to the subagencies. The subpostal card agencies are located at Cincinnati, St. Louis, Troy, New York and Washington, D. C. and are technically known as distributing offices, where requisitions are fited on orders of the stamp division of the third assistant postmaster general.

The number of employes necessary to number twenty are males and twenty females-a small number when the value and volume of this vast business are taken into consideration. All ark expert at their work. It is especially interesting to see the quick manipulations of the stock by the lady experts at the cutting machines and the packing of cards in the pasteboard boxes Mr. R. L. Nicholson, a son of Commander Nicholson, on the retired list of the navy, is superintendent of the works for the contractor and is thoroughly familiar with the responsible duties of

his position. The postal cards for use in the Philplant, and are like the domestic cards. but are surcharged with the word "Philippines" just below the vignetic. It is the same with the postal cards manufactured for use in Cuba and Puerto Rico. Those in use in the island of Hawali are now the same as the do-

mestle cards. The buff stock used in the manufac-

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pruce wood, by what is technically known as the "sulfite" process. This process is so rapid that cards have been made from the fibre within two days after the trees had been cut from the

virgin West Virginia forest. The Kind of Paper Used.

Less than full carlots of cards are shipped through the postoffice at Piedmont, and all are registered. This is also the case with shipments for the insular possessions. The full carlots shipped to the larger postoffices and to the subagencies previously mentioned 4,000,000 cards to the car, and are valued at \$40,000 per car. Every car is scaled with a special scal by Inspector Shook. The paper from which the cards are manufactured must contain 69 per cent of sulfite spruce fibre, 22 per cent and 9 per cent of English clay; and all must be clean and free from imperfections, calendared to a uniform thickness and weight, finished on both sides, suit able for writing on with ink and penell. and a uniform buff. The tensile strength is also tested and the cards are finished In all other respects up to the government standard. A water finish to the stock used in the manufacture of postal cards is not permitted. The quality of ink and its color (black) must also be up to the government standard.

This vast business is let for the period of four years, by contract, and the gov-ernment has a resident official incharge, who is termed. "The United States Postal Card Agent and Inspector." gentleman now filling that position is Major E. H. Shook, who was born on the banks of the Hudson river, in Lower Red Hook, Duchess county, York. He is descended from the original Dutch of that section. At an early age he was taken by his parents to the state of Michigan, where the major has ever since held his residence. served for four years in the Union army in the late civil war, and was severa times wounded in battle-and twice seriously.

It is his duty to inspect and pass judgment on all the postal card sheets before printing; to furnish the transportation of the cards for the contractor, and to ship the eards on official orders received by him from the postmaster general. Major Shook also has personal supervision of the printing, cutting, boxing, casing and shipments of the postal cards.

The Hon. Albert Daggett, the present contractor, now of West Virginia, but formerly of Brooklyn, N. Y., has been prominent in national as well as state affairs, as he has been shariff of Kings county, N. Y., and was also a state sen ator from the same county. He is an efficient contractor, and uses his knowledge and skill to turn out the best quality of postal cards required.

A SIMPLE QUESTION.

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Is not the word of a representative citizen of Wheeling more convincing than the doubtful utterances of people living everywhere else in the Union? Read this:

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WORKING DAY AND NIGHT.

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Has More Orders than it Can Fill. BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Aug. 9 .- The Union Metallic Cartridge Company is working night and day to fill orders from several governments for ammuni-

Besides the big orders for Krag am munition the company has a contract for field artillery ammunition to fill for the United States government. The ammunition ranges in size from

one pound to twelve pounds. The government is making war preparations on a big scale in view of the conditions in China and large orders for ammunition have been placed with the company's agents by the war department.

No Word From Goodnow. WASHINGTON, Aug. 9.-The state

department has no information from Consul General Goodnow relative to the alleged protest lodged by him against the landing of British troops at Shanghal. Department officials express the opinion that Mr. Goodnow would take such a step without consulting the authorities here.

McPherson Arrives.

NEW YORK, Aug. 9,-The United States transport McPherson, from Santiago August 2, with nine officers and 412 men of the Fifth infantry on board, has arrived here.

Discount in India Raised.

CALCUTTA, Aug. 2.—The rate of dismont by the paper company, out of from 3 to 4 per cent to-day.

COSTLY CAPTURES

For the Boers-English Lose the Elands River Garrison-Fighting Still Continues.

LONDON, Aug. 9 .- The following report, dated Pretoria, August 8, has been received from Lord Roberts:

"Kitchener was informed yesterday by an escaped British prisoner that De-Wet's wagons had crossed the Vaal. Afterwards I heard the sound of guns which. I think must have been Methuen's as I directed him to take up a position between Potchefstroom and Lindique, where he could intercept the enemy, who crossed the river at De-Wet's drift. Kitchener is crossing the Vanl with cavalry and mounted infantry. "Hunter reports that he made 4,140

prisoners in the Bethlehem-Harrismith district a majority of whom are now en route for Cape Town. Three guns and wagon loads of ammunition and 105,000 rounds of ammunition were destroyed. Elands River Garrison Captured.

"The garrison of Elands river which I fear has been captured, consisted of about 300 bushmen and Rhodeslans. had hoped that Carrington had been in time to withdraw the garrison; but it seems that Delaiey, training of Ind Hamilton's approach to Rustenburg, hurrled westward and surrounded the garrizon before Carrington arrived.

"Methuen telegraphs that he engaged a part of DeWet's force yesterday near Benterskroon. He drove the enemy off of a succession of hills which they held obstinately. Our casualties were seven men killed or wounded including four officers."

NOTED ORGANIST DEAD.

For Forty Years Presided at St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal in New

NEW YORK, Aug. 9 .- Walter Russell Johnston, for more than forty years or ganist of St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal church, is dead of heart disease. Johnston was considered one of the most proficient musicians in this city.

His musical career began when he

was only eight years of ago, at which time he played in St. Mary's Episcopal church, Brooklyn. At the age of twelve years he performed in Tremont Temple Boston, afterward becoming the organist of St. Paul's, which latter position he held at the time of his death. Mr. Johnston was the composer of over 100 pieces of music besides being the author of many songs.

MURDERERS REPRIEVED By the President-Based on the Re-

quest of Prominent Citizens.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9.-The President has granted reprieves until October 5 in the cases of Thomas and Willlam Haldeman, convicted in Arizona, of murder and sentenced to be hanged at Tombstone, next Friday. The re-Governor Sayors, of Texas, Representa tive Bailey, E. H. R. Green and other prominent Texans, who represent that recently discovered evidence rands to show the innocence of the accused. In territorial cases of this character, the President's authority is limited to reprieves and therefore, any further ac-tion on behalf of these prizoners must be taken by the territorial courts or by

AN EX-PRESIDENT

Has a Judgment Entered Against Him for \$63.

OAKLAND, Cala., Aug. 9.—Don Car-los Ezeta, ex-president of San Salvador appeared before Justice of the Peace John Stetson, in response to a citation on an order of examination, requiring him to answer questions as to his property possesions, a judgment for \$63 having been found against him. stated that he had absolutely nothing with which the judgment might be sat-isfied, except the hope of realizing \$1,600,600 or more now that he has received word of his restoration to citi zenship in San Salvader. The citation was accordingly dismissed.

Pensions Granted.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. WASHINGTON, Aug. 9.-Pensions to West Virginia aplicants have been is sued as follows:

Original-James W. White, Gormania. \$6; Creed F. Paris, Welch., \$6.

Increase-Charles H. Elliott, Wheeling, to \$12; William James, Teal, to 38; Nobley W. Underwood, to \$19; Samuel Leeper, Duncan, to \$17.

Widows-Phebe C. Keener, Sisters-

ville, \$8.

West Virginia postmasters have been commissioned as follows:

William A. Straight, Atwood, Tyler county; Harry A. Benry, Rend, Fayette county, both the foregoing being offices lately established; Emery Shafer, Cyrus; Erastes F. Woodrum, Foss; John H. Karnes, Karn.

Patents Issued.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer,
WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—Patents
have been issued as follows: Frank D. Allen, Stone Cliff, charging car; Restore B. Lamb and W. Lamb, assignors to Do Long Hook and Eye Company, shirt waist holder and skirt supporter; John G. Webb, Washburn, combined reclining chair and clothes rack.

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